

November 1, 2001

**ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER 2001-10**

**TO: All Entities Licensed by and/or Reporting to the Bureau of Insurance**

**RE: Executive Order Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions  
With Persons Who Permit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism**

In response to the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, President Bush issued an executive order, effective September 24, 2001, which provides that all property and interests in property of the persons and entities described in the Executive Order or listed in the Annex to the Order that are either in the United States or that come into the United States, or that come within the possession or control of United States persons are blocked. This includes, but is not limited to, the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of those persons or entities described in the Order, or listed in the Annex to the Order, or otherwise determined to be subject to the Order.

The purpose of this administrative letter is to advise all entities regulated by, or reporting to, the Bureau of Insurance to become familiar with their obligations under the Executive Order. I am requesting that all insurers provide copies of this administrative letter to their appointed agents in Virginia and, most importantly, to any of their employees or representatives responsible for the payment of claims or benefits to policyholders, claimants, or beneficiaries, as well as policy loans and loan payments. All companies should review their records for any information that may be relevant to the Executive Order.

Companies should also review the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, web site, [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac), which contains the Executive Order, the annex to the Order, and other valuable information. The web site will also provide additional updated information regarding the Order and the Annex, as it becomes available. Special notice should be taken of the web site document titled Foreign Assets Control Regulations and the Insurance Industry. This document explains the obligations of the insurance industry under the Executive Order and provides instructions for ensuring compliance. Questions regarding the Executive Order should be directed to the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Entities found to have violated this Executive Order may be subject to sanction.

Cordially,

Alfred W. Gross  
Commissioner of Insurance